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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Makoto KOUNO et al.

**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING  
FLUX FOR USE IN BRAZING ALUMINUM  
MATERIAL

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on October 15, 2003 concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants submit herewith, under separate cover, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the present application. The foregoing amendment accompanies the RCE, as is permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for claims 15 and 16 for the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

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